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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the  
year ending

31st December, 1967

To The Chairman and Members of the  
Bedale Rural District Council

SIR, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the  
year ending the 31st December, 1967.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

- (1) One Medical Officer of Health (Part-time)
- (2) One Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector (Full-time)
- (3) One Additional Public Health Inspector (Full-time)
- (4) One Meat Inspector (Full-time)
- (5) One Meat Inspector/Technical Assistant (Full-time)

STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43,302 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1967)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,160
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books (end of 1967)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,603
Rateable value of the Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£279,328. 0. Od.
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,099. 17. 5d.

VITAL STATISTICS (as supplied by Registrar General)

	M A L E S			F E M A L E S		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
Live Births	106	101	5	88	81	7
Still Births	-	-	-	1	1	-
Deaths of Infants						
Under 1 year	4	4	-	2	2	-
Under 4 weeks	4	4	-	2	2	-
Under 1 week	3	3	-	2	2	-



CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES OF DEATH

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
" " Lung, Bronchus	2	1	3
" " Breast	-	4	4
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	2	3
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
Diabetes	2	1	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	7	10	17
Coronary Disease, Angina	13	8	21
Other Heart Disease	2	2	4
Other Circulatory Disease	3	1	4
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Influenza	-	2	2
Suicide	1	-	1
Congenital Malformations	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	3	3	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other Accidents	1	2	3
	41	40	81

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 27 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

- (a) Laboratory Facilities (b) Hospitals (c) Clinics & Treatment Centres  
(d) Ambulance Services (e) Nursing Services

These are provided Nationally and by the County Council and are reasonably adequate although subject to strain in a large and somewhat sparsely populated area, with infrequent local public transport.

SCHOOLS.

The County Council Education Department are responsible for Schools and have effected considerable improvements to which the Council has given assistance.

DATA SUPPLIED BY THE SURVEYOR & CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

WATER SUPPLY.

The mains supply for the area is under the control of the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board and is available to practically the whole of the District. 2,597 houses are connected to the mains supply and only about 100 houses are without a direct mains supply.

The water supply has been generally satisfactory both as regard quality and quantity and all samples taken by this Department have proved satisfactory when submitted for bacteriological examination.

Fluoride is not added to the mains supply and no information is available as to any natural fluoride which may be present in the water.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Three new Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Schemes have been brought into service during the year and serve the villages of Crakehall, Great & Little Fencote, Kirkby Fleetham and Londonderry. The connection of existing properties to the new sewers is virtually completed in all the villages and the installation of water closets and bathrooms is now being encouraged.







The completion of these Schemes has removed serious sources of pollution from existing watercourses together with the associated dangers to public health.

It is hoped that it will be possible to proceed with the proposed new Schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal to serve the villages of Scruton, Burneston, Carthorpe and Theakston during the coming year. These Schemes are urgently needed to abate nuisances arising from septic tanks and potential health hazards from the present crude effluent discharges.

Sewerage Schemes for the villages of Kirklington, Nosterfield, Thornborough and West Tanfield are now being designed by the Council's Consulting Engineers and it is hoped that these will be allowed to proceed during 1969. The present crude sewage outfalls from the villages are most unsatisfactory and give rise to serious pollution of watercourses.

The villages of Thirn, Well, Hackforth and Exelby, will then still remain to be dealt with. In all cases the present sewerage arrangements are unsatisfactory and it is the Council's intention to deal with these areas in rotation as the above-mentioned Schemes are completed.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.

The direct labour refuse collection service continues unchanged and provides a weekly collection of dustbins from all houses in the area. Ashpits are also emptied about once every six weeks but these are being steadily reduced in number as new sewerage schemes are completed.

Householders are assisted in the removal of bulky items of refuse by arranging special visits and no charge is made for this service. In addition, trade refuse is collected from the local shops and litter baskets on the A1 Trunk Road are emptied at regular intervals.

Refuse is disposed of at one central tip which is controlled as far as possible, a tractor and 'dozer' bucket being used for levelling and covering the refuse.

Very little trouble is experienced with rats and other vermin on the tip but when necessary, action is taken to destroy these pests.

#### HOUSING.

The demand for housing in the area continues at a high level and during the year forty private houses and nine Council houses have been completed.

Housing standards in the area are generally satisfactory and steady progress is being made in improving these still further.

During the year 6 houses considered to be unfit for human habitation were "Closed" and 11 Discretionary and 12 Standard Grants have been made available to improve sub-standard dwellings. It is estimated that over the years approximately 340 houses have been improved and given a new lease of life with the aid of Grants.

#### MEAT & FOOD INSPECTION.

Livestock slaughtering for the production of meat continues to be an important industry in the area and the Council employs two full-time and one part-time Authorised Meat Inspectors to carry out a full 100% meat inspection service. The majority of the slaughtering takes place at the Abattoir, Aiskew and the Bacon Factory at Leeming Bar, but there is, in addition, a smaller slaughterhouse at West Tanfield, where slaughtering takes place on one or two days per week.

During the year a total of 66,832 food animals were slaughtered and inspected and a statement, Appendix No. 1, attached to this report gives details of animals slaughtered and meat condemned.



Towards the end of the year it was necessary to take formal action against the owner of the slaughterhouse at West Tanfield for contraventions of the requirements of the Meat Inspection Regulations.

The contraventions were:-

- (a) that an animal had been slaughtered without proper notice of slaughter having been given, and
- (b) that the carcase of an animal had been removed from the slaughterhouse without it having first been inspected and passed as fit for human consumption.

The Court found both cases proved and imposed a fine of £10 on the first charge and £5 on the second charge.

#### POULTRY INSPECTION.

The large Poultry processing plant at the Abattoir, Aiskew, closed down towards the end of the year and the slaughtering of Poultry in the area is now on a very small scale, only small numbers of birds being killed and 'rough dressed' at one farm premises. When in operation the large premises were visited regularly and inspection of "detained" birds, principally hens, was carried out but no records of birds condemned or numbers slaughtered are available.

#### FOOD HYGIENE.

Four bakehouses are in operation in the area together with five premises producing meat products such as sausages, cooked meats, etc. All are inspected at regular intervals and are satisfactory.

Food shops are also visited from time to time and any minor faults which have been found have been quickly rectified.

Milk is supplied to the area ready bottled by the large Dairies and is distributed by local retailers. The bottled milk is stored, when necessary, in refrigerators on the retailers' premises and no action concerning the milk supply generally has been necessary.

There are no plants in the District dealing with liquid egg and no action under the Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations has therefore been necessary.

Details of the Premises in the area which are affected by the Food Hygiene Regulations 1960 are set out below, together with information regarding compliance with Sections 16 & 19 of the Regulations.

Type of Premises	No. in area	Sec. 16 only applying	Sec. 16 & 19 applying
Fish & Chip Shops	2		2
Grocer	29	3	26
Confectionery & Sweets	3		3
Fruit & Vegetables	3		3
Sweets & Tobacco	4	2	2
Butcher & Cooked Meats	8		8
Baker	3		3
Public Houses	24		24
Caterers	8		8
Total	84	5	79





All premises satisfy the requirements of Sections 16 and 19 of the Regulations in that washing facilities are in, or are reasonably accessible to the premises concerned.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

53 premises, employing 191 persons were registered at the end of the year and 31 visits to inspect these premises were made during the year. One exemption is in force under the Act in respect of sanitary accommodation at a small lock-up shop.

#### FACTORIES ACT.

A statement, Appendix No. 2, showing particulars on the administration of the Act in this area is attached to the report. The statement under Part 8 of the Act is a Nil return and has therefore been omitted.

#### APPENDIX I

##### Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year ending DECEMBER, 1967

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	4,705	113	88	14,095	47,831
Number inspected	4,705	113	88	14,095	47,831
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u> Whole carcases condemned	15	8	37	114	264
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,746	8	3	2,667	5,640
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	37.17	14.16	45.45	19.73	12.34
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcases condemned					7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61				2,612
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	1.29				5.47
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14				
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	14				



Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	37	24	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	29	40	Nil	Nil
Total.....	68	66	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found  
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	Nil				
Overcrowding (S.2.)	Nil				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	Nil				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	Nil				





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	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	Nil				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2			
(c) Not sepearte for sexes	Nil				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	Nil				
Total.....	2	2			



PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES

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<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>
Pneumonia	2
Scarlet Fever	4
Whooping Cough	41
Measles	181

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In conclusion I should like to record my thanks to your Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. J. F. Dunning, for his valuable help throughout the year.

I have the honour to be Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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